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## Alaska Marine and Coastal Services Abbreviations and Definitions

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Ashfall Advisory: An advisory for areas included in the coastal or offshore waters forecast for an airborne ash plume resulting in ongoing deposition at the surface. There is no minimum accumulation threshold. Ashfall may originate directly from a volcanic eruption or from the resuspension (by wind) of a significant amount of relic ash.

Freezing Spray: Ice accumulating at a rate less than 0.3 inches per hour (icing class “light”).

Heavy Freezing Spray: Ice accumulating at a rate greater than 0.3 inches per hour (icing class “moderate” or greater).

Small Craft Advisory: An advisory for areas included in a coastal waters forecast for sustained winds from 23 to 33 knots and/or wave conditions deemed to be locally hazardous based upon expressed customer needs. An advisory may also be issued for frequent gusts from 23 to 33 knots.